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In Re the Application of:

KUTT et al.

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For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
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ENCLOSED ATMOSPHERIC
ENVIRONMENT"

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	2.	3,215,057	11/2/1965	Turek	98	1.5	
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	6.	4,516,424	5/14/1985	Rowland	73	23	
	7.	4,627,860	12/9/1986	Rowland	55	162	
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	9.	5,101,819	4/7/1992	Lane	128	204.18	
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	26.	5,988,161	11/23/1999	Kroll	128	202.12	
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	32.	EP 0 277 787	14/4/1993	Europe	A61G	10/02	X	
	33.	WO 96/19265	27/6/1996	PCT	A63B	23/18	X	
	34.	WO 98/34683	12/8/1998	PCT	A62B	7/10	X	
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36.	Letter (w/enclosures) from Arc Prokop, VP of Hypoxico Inc. to the U.S. Patent Office dated July 31, 2002; 2 pgs.
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52.	Email from Larry Kutt [kutt@altitudetraining.com] to Dana [cat@altitudetraining.com]; February 15, 2000; 2 pgs.
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